Recruitment of Ayurvedic doctors in Railways

561. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ayurvedic doctors on the Railways were recruited against Railways Board's direction vide circular No. 77|H|15|4 dated the 21st March, 1977;

(b) if so, what scales were provided and what are the details of the facilities given to them;

(c) whether the facilities and scales of pay are at par with others; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the budgetary provision on Ayurvedic medicines are inadequate to promote the system if so, whether sufficient budgetary provision is required to be made?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Letter No. 77|H|15|4 dated 21.3.1977 was a circular inviting comments and likely financial implications from Zonal Railways, if the then existing indigenous system dispensaries being run as staff welfare measure were to be introduced on regular basis in addition to the Allopathic system.

After detailed examination, it was not considered feasible.

These dispensaries, however, were allowed to be continued as such.

Part-time Doctors working therein are being paid fixed honorarium from staff benefit fund and the same has been revised upwardly from time to time

Curtailment in wagon production

562. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the curtailment in wagon production has resulted in recession in the demand for wheels and axles produned by the Wheel and Axles Plant at Yalahanka near Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for cutting the demand for wagons and what are the details of the orders for wagons and what are the details of the orders placed for wagons during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The wagon requirement is need based. Consistent with the need, orders were placed for 20000 wagons in 1993-94 and 12000 wagons in 1994-95, both in four wheeler units.

Doubling of Sanru-Mangalore railway line

563. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation for doubling the Sanrur-Mangalore rail line; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the progress made in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The phase-I work between Kuttipuram and Calicut has been taken up in 1994-95. The rest of the work between Kuttipuram and Guruvayur and between Mangalore and Calicut has been included in the Budget 1995-96.